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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representatives Biele of Boston and LaNatra of Kingston had been appointed as his designees (under Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2003) to the Selection Committee for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery;

Madeline Amy
Sweeney Award
Committee.

That Ron Waddell and Sean Ellis had been appointed as his designees (under item 7002-2021 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Grant Program Board;

Community
Empowerment
Board.

That Representative Decker of Cambridge had been appointed as his designee (under Chapter 74 of the Acts of 2021) to the special legislative commission to study poverty in the Commonwealth; and

Poverty
Commission.

That Liz Friedman of Northampton had been re-appointed as his designee (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Status of
Women.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Pease of Westfield had been appointed as his designee (under Section 105 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission to study equity and access to telecommunications services, including but not limited to broadband internet, for students and families in the Commonwealth and to make recommendations to address inequity and the digital divide for students and families with limited access to telecommunications services;

Broadband
equity
commission.

That Representative Howitt of Seekonk had been appointed as his designee (under Section 130 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the special commission to study auto body labor rates;

Auto body
labor rates.

That Representative Vieira had been appointed as his designee (under Section 132 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the special commission to investigate and study the promotion and celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution;

250th American
Revolution
anniversary.

That Representative Muratore of Plymouth had been appointed as his designee (under Section 134 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the Non-Emergency Human Services Transportation Task Force; and

Human Services
Transportation
Task Force.

That Representative McKenna of Webster had been appointed as his designee (under Section 217 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the state Commission on Autism.

Autism
Commission.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Jude Porter on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jude
Porter.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Durant of Spencer and Berthiaume of Spencer) congratulating the Exchange Club of Spencer on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary;

Exchange
Club of
Spencer.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Gurnoor Sooch on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Gurnoor
Sooch.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Anthony Wickett on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Anthony
Wickett.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Peabody) congratulating Jonathan Rutkowski on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jonathan
Rutkowski.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2021, was placed on file.

Statutory Basis
Financial
Report.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4264) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to establish a year-round market rate rental housing trust in said town. To the committee on Housing.

Truro,—
housing
trust.

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4265) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to appoint retired Salem firefighters as special firefighters in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Salem,—
firefighters.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Vargas of Haverhill presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas relative to preexisting nonconforming uses and structures under zoning laws; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Zoning.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of William C. Galvin relative to fair and equitable compensation for medical services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medical services,—
compensation.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (House, No. 3515).

Homelessness,—
identification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study of noise impacts from the confluence of Interstates 93 and 495 (House, No. 3548).

Routes 93
and 495.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the Blue Star Family license plate (House, No. 3627).

Blue Star
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3429, a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration (House, No. 4263).

Selective
Service.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3520). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hardship
licenses,—
violations.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 3794), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.